



Financial Inclusion in India: Policies and Programmes

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New Century Publications. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. It is well-known that in India, while one segment of the population has access to assortment of banking services encompassing regular banking facilities and portfolio counselling, the other segment of underprivileged and lower income group is totally deprived of even basic financial services. Exclusion of large segments of the society from financial services adversely affects the overall economic growth of a country. Apart from the rural areas, there is a significant degree of financial exclusion in urban areas as well. The cost of financial exclusion is recognised to be enormous for the society as well as for individuals, particularly in terms of inability to realise full potential due to financial constraints. The recent developments in banking technology have transformed banking from the traditional brick-and-mortar infrastructure like staffed branches to a system supplemented by other channels like automated teller machines (ATMs), credit/debit cards, internet banking, online money transfers etc. However, access to such technology is restricted only to privileged segments of the society. In order to ensure financial inclusion of the poor, particularly in rural areas, various initiatives have been taken by the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from...



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